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4th EUROPEAN HALAL CONGRESS

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Congress Center – Hotel Hills Sarajevo :: 9th – 10th June, 2026.

FIRST DAY - Tuesday, 09th June, 2026

| Time | Activity, Topic and Speaker Name |
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| 08:00 – 09:00 | REGISTRATION & ACCREDITATION; Congress Center – Hotel Hills |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | CONTACT WITH MEDIA |
| 09:30 – 10:15 | OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CONGRESS (Hotel Hills) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Damir Alihodžić Ph. D, president of 4th European Halal Congress Organization Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina▪ Mustafa Hasani, Ph. D, Dean of Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina▪ Mian N. Riaz; Ph. D, Associate Department Head and Holder of the Professorship in Food Diversity Dept. Food Science and Technology Texas A&M University; USA▪ Zafer Soyulu, Chairman of BoD of Halal Accreditation Agency (HAK) Türkiye▪ H. E. İhsan Övüt, Secretary General of OIC/SMIIC, Türkiye▪ hfz. Mensur-ef. Malkić, Ph. D, Envoy of Grand Mufti of Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina▪ |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | PANEL DISCUSSION: HALAL GLOBAL MARKET: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUROPE Moderator: Amir Sakić, MA <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ihsan Ovut, Secretary General of The Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries, Türkiye▪ Tomas Kuchtik, European Commission DG TRADE, Brussels, Belgium▪ Yousuf Hasan Khalawi, Secretary General of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development▪ Damir Alihodžić, Agency for Halal Quality Certification of Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING |
| 11:45 – 13:00 | SESSION: HALAL INDUSTRY DIALOGUE Session Chairs: Ali Fanous Ph. D, Mihaela Brijak Gutierrez; <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Implementation of Halal Requirements Rohaizad Hassan, General Manager of Food Safety & Defense at Yildiz Holding, Türkiye▪ Halal Certification and the Challenges Facing It Ali Fanous, Ph. D, Food technologist and manager of certification unit, HALAL CONTROL, Germany▪ Premium Raw & Plant-Based Halal Products – From Concept to Market: Bridging Health, Quality and Consumer Trust Mihaela Brijak Gutierrez, Founder of Raw Cakes & Raw Sweets by Mihaela, Croatia▪ Alcohol free Hand and hard surface disinfectants Thomas Meneghini Ph. D; Azett GmbH & Co KG / BactEX UG & Co. KG, Germany |

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH AND PRAYER TIME

14:00 – 15:00 PLENARY SESSION

Session Chairs: Mian N. Riaz, Ph. D, Çağrı Cankurtaran, MA

▪ **Navigating Halal Compliance in Pharmaceuticals and Nutraceuticals: Considerations for Halal Consumers**

Mian N. Riaz, Ph. D, Associate Dept. Head and Holder of the Professorship in Food Diversity Dept. Food Science and Technology Texas A&M University; USA

▪ **Future of IFHAB and Türkiye Experience in Halal Accreditation**

Zafer Soylyu, Chairman of BoD of Halal Accreditation Agency (HAK) Türkiye.

▪ **Towards a Globally Coherent OIC Halal Ecosystem: Positioning SMIC as Scheme Owner and IFHAB as MRA Platform**

Çağrı Cankurtaran, MA, The Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIC), Türkiye

▪ **Advantages of SMIC Standard in Accreditation of Halal CBs in Pakistan**

Ateeq-Ur-Rehman Memon, Director General, Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC), Pakistan

15:00 – 16:00 SESSION: HALAL FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Session Chairs: Ema Obralić, Ph. D; Natalija Atanasova-Pancevska,

▪ **Integration of Islamic Ethical Principles into Business Strategies of Sustainable Economic Systems**

Ema Obralić, Ph. D, Solana d.d. Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
Co-authors: Amela Semić, Belmin Poljić, Arman Hodžić

▪ **Integrating Halal Principles with HACCP and Global Standards; The Future of Safe Food.**

Omeera Ayoba, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Dubai Campus, Academic City, UAE;
Co-author: Arif Hussaina

▪ **Microbiological Indicators and Hygiene-Based Approaches for Detecting and Preventing Halal Food Fraud**

Natalija Atanasova-Pancevska, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – Skopje, North Macedonia

▪ **Analytical Strategies for Porcine Detection in Halal Certification,**

Raafqi Ranasasmitha, Lembaga Pengkajian Pangan, Obat-obatan dan Kosmetika MUI (LPPOM MUI), Indonesia

16:00 – 16:20 COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING

16:20 – 17:20 SESSION: HALAL CERTIFICATION, ACCREDITATION AND GOVERNANCE

Session Chairs: Riadh Soussi Ph. D; Muhammad Irhamudin Bin Ibrahim, Ph. D

▪ **Improving animal welfare compliance through a holistic Halal certification approach.**

Awal Fuseini, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board, United Kingdom

▪ **A Practical Model for Halal Slaughtering Demonstration and Research: Design Specification of a Heavy-Duty Cabin Facility**

Muhammad Irhammudin Bin Ibrahim, Ph. D, International Institute for Halal Research and Training (INHART), International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia

- **From Waste to Barakah: Halal Pathways for Transforming Food Waste into Sustainable Resources.**

Amel Mohammed Abdallaha, Ph. D, Technical advisor OIC - SMIIC; Türkiye

- **Plain Language in Halal Standards: A New Approach to enhance Clarity and Compliance**
Riadh Soussi, Ph. D; The Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), Türkiye

17:20 – 18:00 **SESSION: HALAL, SUSTAINABILITY, ISLAMIC ECONOMY AND FINANCE**

Session Chairs: Midhat Jašić Ph. D; Ismet Kalić, Ph. D; Tharwat Mamdouh Al-Bataineh Ph. D

- **Integration of ESG Principles and the Halal Market: From Profit to Ethical Business Model**
Kadrija Hodžić, Ph. D; University of Tuzla, Faculty of Economy, B&H, Midhat Jašić, Ph. D.
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- **Future Foresight of Halal in the Context of Sustainable Technologies with Focus on Food and Animal Waste Index**

Tharwat Mamdouh Al-Bataineh Ph. D, Food Regulatory Specialist – Food Safety and Halal Regulations; CEO Food Excellence Center, Dubai – AlAin Road, Dubai, UAE;

Co-authors: Jood Osama Quran, Midhat Jašić

- **Strategic Financial Management in the Function of Long-Term Sustainable Development of the Halal Industry in the Context of Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence**
Ismet Kalić, Ph. D, University FINRA Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

18:00 – 20:00 **MEETING OF EUROPEAN HALAL CERTIFICATION BODIES**

DINNER TIME 20:00 – 22:00

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SECOND DAY – Wednesday, 10th June, 2026

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| 08:15 – 09:30 | REGISTRATION Congress Center - Hotel Hills |
| 09:30 – 10:15 | SESSION: HALAL TOURISM AND GASTRONOMY Session Chairs: Dino Selimović, MA, Waleed Jahangir, Moulana Muhammad Saeed Navlakhi <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Synergy Between Halal Gastronomy and Halal Tourism: Enhancing Muslim-Friendly Travel Experiences Waleed Jahangir, Muslim Travel Show / Algebra Consulting▪ How Do Stakeholders Perceive the Role of Halal Certification in Market and Investment Attractiveness of Hotels? Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina Dino Selimović, MA, International University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina▪ The Muslim Traveller Dilemma: When Halal Food is Available but Halal Confidence is Missing Moulana Muhammad Saeed Navlakhi, Director at SANHA Halal Authority, South Africa |
| 10:15 – 11:15 | SESSION: HALAL FOOD SCIENCE, NUTRITION AND ALTERNATIVE SOURCES Session Chairs: Saeed Hayek, Neira Fazlović, Ph. D, Farrah Payyadhah Binti Borhan, Ph. D <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Halal Governance in Aesthetic Practice: A Maqasid Shariah-Based Framework for Quality and Ethical Compliance Farrah Payyadhah Binti Borhan, Ph. D; Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS), Universiti Teknologi MARA Shah Alam, Malaysia; Co-author: Ahmad Syukran Baharuddin▪ Alternative Sources of Protein: Technical Aspects and Halal Requirements Saeed Hayek, Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America, USA▪ Halal status of unconventional animal species as a source of human nutrition Neira Fazlović, Ph. D, Veterinary faculty, University of Sarajevo, Department of Food Safety and Environmental Protection; Co-authors: Faruk Čaklovica, Kenan Čaklovica▪ Key Requirements for Halal Aquaculture Feed Production: A Shariah Perspective Nurulaina Saidin Ph. D, Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies, UiTM Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia; Co-author: Rafeah Saidon |
| 11:15 – 11:45 | COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | SESSION: HALAL IN PHARMACEUTICAL, COSMETIC AND HEALTHCARE SECTORS Session Chairs: Jawad Alzeer Ph. D; Nurzahidah binti Haji Jaapar, Ph. D <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Halalopathy: A Systems-Based Bridge Between Modern Medicine and Prophetic Medicine Jawad Alzeer, Ph. D, Swiss Scientific Society for Developing Countries, Zürich, Switzerland. |

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- **Halal Certification versus Shariah-Compliant Operations in Malaysia's Beautypreneurship Industry: A Thematic Literature Review**
Nurzahidah binti Haji Jaapar, Ph. D, Senior Lecturer, Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS), UiTM, Malaysia

12:15 – 13:15

SESSION: DIGITALIZATION AND INNOVATION IN HALAL CERTIFICATION

Session Chairs: Muhamad Zubaidi, Ph. D; Muhammad Abubakar; Almir Halilčević

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- **Digital Transformation of Halal Compliance: A Unified Web - Based Architecture for Global Accreditation Verification**
Muhamad Zubaidi, Ph. D, Polish Institute of Halal, Poznan, Poland
Co-author: Mohamed Salah Messikh

 - **Sustainable Digital Traceability for Halal Food Safety and Supply-Chain Resilience**
Muhammad Abubakar, Windsor Group, Pakistan

 - **Application of Artificial Intelligence in Halal Certification: Opportunities, Challenges, and Practical Use Cases**
Almir Halilčević, Moosheimer Str, Bad Saulgau, Germany
Co-authors: Midhat Jašić, Benjamin Muhadbegović, Damir Alihodžić

 - **From the Wisdom of Baghdad to the Halal Table: The Forgotten Scientific Heritage of Islamic Civilization**
Stanko Blatnik, Ph. D; Inštitut IPAK, Velenje, Slovenia

13:15 – 14:15

SESSION: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES IN HALAL CERTIFICATION AND MARKET PRACTICES

Session Chairs: Rafeah Saidon, Ph. D; Farah Lynn Amira Binti Nor Zaidi

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- **Evaluation of Halal Compliance in Market Transactions: A Case Study of Central Market in Mbale City, Uganda**
Manswab Mahsen Abdulrahman Ph. D; Senior Lecturer-Department of Shariah; Islamic university in Uganda Uganda

 - **When Access is Restricted: Understanding Interview Rejection by Halal Certification Agencies in Australia**
Farah Lynn Amira Binti Nor Zaidi; International Institute for Halal Research and Training (INHART) Malaysia; **Co-Authors:** Mohammad Aizat Jamaludin, Anis Najiha Ahmad

 - **Constitutional Issues in Halal Certification and Enforcement in Malaysia: Reassessing Federal-State Jurisdiction,**
Rafeah Saidon, Ph. D Academy of Contemporary Islamic Studies (ACIS), Malaysia

Congress closing:: **CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS**

SOCIAL EVENTS

POSTER SECTION

Title of Poster Presentation, authors

1. The influence of *Lactobacillus* spp. on the hygienic safety of dry cheese - a traditional halal product of Bosnia and Herzegovina In vitro study of the antifungal activity of 10% propolis extract in propylene glycol on *Candida albicans*
Zinka Hojkurić Rahmanović, Berin Rahmanović, Adnan Alijagić, Kenan Muratović, Damir Alihodžić, Mehmed Sultanović, Kenan Čaklovića

2. In vitro study of the antifungal activity of 10% propolis extract in propylene glycol on *Candida albicans*
Zinka Hojkurić Rahmanović, Berin Rahmanović, Adnan Čučuković, Mirela Čučuković, Adnan Alijagić, Damir Alihodžić, Mehmed Sultanović, Munevera Begić

3. From Halal Compliance to Evidence-Based Assurance: The Role of ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Laboratories in Controlling Haram Risks in Food Systems
Benjamin Čaušević, Amir Ibrahimagić, Emina Idrizović, Damir Alihodžić, Kemal Sejranović, Muamer Mandra

4. Application of Allicin in Accordance with Halal and Tayyib Principles: Influence on Ascites Syndrome and Angiotensin II Type 1 Receptor Gene Expression in Broilers Reared in the Mexican Highlands
Elma Hrustemović, Artemio Jovanny Vargas-Galicia, Arturo Pro-Martínez, Fernando González-Cerón, Amalio Santacruz-Varela, Horacio Osorio-Alonso, Eliseo Sosa-Montes, Raúl Argüello-García

5. Antimicrobial Resistance Dynamics of *Campylobacter* Species: The Impact of Environmental Reservoirs on the Integrity of the Halal Food Chain
Elma Hrustemović, Faruk Čaklovića, Marko Samardžija, Vesna Jaki Tkalec, Sanja Furmeg, Kenan Čaklovića, Marija Pajić, Usman Mir Khan, Marko Pećin, Oskar Nowak, Hafiza Saima, Raúl Argüello-García

6. Biotechnological Advancements in Animal Husbandry: Risk Analysis and Ethical Imperatives Within Public Health and Halal Standards
Elma Hrustemović, Faruk Čaklovića, Marko Samardžija, Vesna Jaki Tkalec, Sanja Furmeg, Kenan Čaklovića, Marija Pajić, Usman Mir Khan, Marko Pećin, Oskar Nowak, Hafiza Saima, Raúl Argüello-García

7. Improving Halal Integrity in Raw Material Intake Using Lean Six Sigma Methodology
Azra Sinanović, Ragib Spahić, Aldijana Omerović

8. Enhancing Halal Compliance Through Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
Aldijana Omerović, Ragib Spahić, Azra Sinanović

9. Halal Nutrition in Diabetes Management
Tarik Zolotić, Damir Alihodžić, Midhat Jašić

10. Integration of Halal and Tayyib Standards Into Dairy Chain Biosecurity: Analysis of MRSA in Cows With Mastitis in Selected Regions
Elma Hrustemović, Faruk Čaklovića, Vesna Jaki-Tkalec, Sanja Furmeg, Zrinka Štritof, Lejla Kapur-Pojškić, Jasmin Ramić, Marija Pajić, Usman Mir Khan, Raúl Argüello-García